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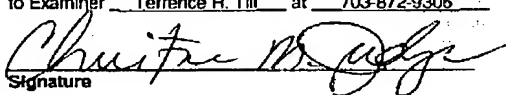
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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

In response to the Office Action mailed November 14, 2003, kindly amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 7 of this paper.